

Remarks

Reconsideration and reexamination of the above-identified patent application, as amended, are respectfully requested. Claims 12-14 and 18 are pending in this application upon entry of this Amendment. Claims 15-17 were cancelled as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2

The Examiner rejected claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner indicated that the claim as written "would not result in a transgenic mouse, and at most if the blastocyst is inserted into a pseudopregnant female mouse, the resulting mouse would be a chimera." Applicant has amended claim 18 to claim a chimera as indicated by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully believes that this amendment renders claim 18 patentable and requests removal of the rejection.

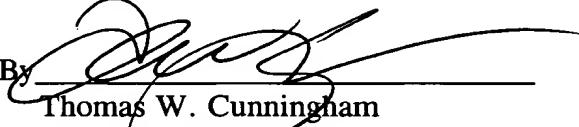
Applicant believes claims 12-14 and 18 meet all the substantive requirements for patentability and respectfully request that this application be passed to issuance. No fee is believed due by filing this Amendment. However, any fee due may be withdrawn from Deposit Account No. 02-3978 as specified in the Application Transmittal.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned to discuss any aspect of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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